

REMARKS

Claims 1-21, 23-32, 34-45, 47-56, 58-143, 145-157, and 159-262 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, the Applicants have canceled claims 1-21, 23-32, 34-45, 47-56, 58-68, 113-143, 145-157, and 159-262.

Amendments Submitted on September 28, 2004

Applicants amended the Specification, Claims, and Drawings on September 28, 2004, in response to the non-final Office Action dated April 7, 2004. With particular regard to the drawings, Applicants note that the Final Office Action recognizes only the original drawings submitted on August 31, 2000. The Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner accept the replacement drawing sheets submitted by Applicants on September 28, 2004.

Allowable Subject Matter

The Final Office Action indicates that Claims 69-112 are allowed, citing Applicants' reasoning with regard to "the generating component and step in Claims 69 and 90" as rationale for withdrawing the rejections to those claims under 35 U.S.C. § 102. Applicants agree that independent Claims 69 and 90 are allowable for at least this reason, that Claims 70-89 are allowable for at least the reason that they depend from allowable Claim 69, that Claims 91-110 are allowable for at least the reason that they depend from allowable Claim 90, and that Claims 111 and 112 are allowable at least for reasons similar to the reasons for which Claims 69 and 90 are allowable.

Canceled Claims

Applicants cancel Claims 1-20, 113-143, 145-157, 159-262, which previously were withdrawn, and further cancel Claims 21, 23-32, 34-45, 47-56, and 58-68, which were rejected in the Final Office Action, in an effort to advance prosecution. In so

doing, however, the Applicants specifically reserve the right to pursue the subject matter of the canceled claims in continuing applications without prejudice or disclaimer.


Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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